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In response to the Final Official Action of April 4, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 5, 2006 (July 4, 2006 being a Federal holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of both the finality and substance of the outstanding rejections and objection, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
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